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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, IAD

TO : Chief, Administrative Branch, IAD SIGNED 6 APR 1959

SUBJECT : SAC U-2 Photographic Activity

REFERENCE : IS/CHAL-0500 Memorandum
dated 17 March Attached

1. As you will recall the Strategic Air Command's use of their U-2s to perform peripheral missions along the Northwest section of Soviet territory was apparently commenced in by IAD in December 1958 and again in March. The attachment outlines my concern and reservations regarding these flights.

2. In view of your consent late Monday, 30 March, that the SAC missions were flown, I checked with Mr. Baker as to the Air Force method of handling the "take." It is his understanding the processing will take place at March AFB and be controlled in the special Air Force System, not the "Y" system. The Agency is a member of that System, and apparently PIC is sending an individual to review the results and place an order for those items we require.

3. At the 17 March meeting the problems involved in the performance of these missions were only briefly covered and certainly they didn't receive the major staff examination they would seem to warrant. I am also sympathetic with the Air Force expectation that once they have coordinated a proposal with this Agency and Division there shouldn't be a last minute change in our position. It, therefore, seems that we could profitably review our internal policy vis-a-vis SAC U-2 operations. My last understanding was that SAC U-2s would be confined to the Western Hemisphere and not be used in a manner that would tend to compromise Agency U-2 operations. I have so advised many people when rationalizing our U-2 security practices with those of SAC. I also recommended that we review and clearly establish a procedure to ensure a firm

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division position, encompassing all considerations, with internal publication regarding questions of this type to prevent repetition of this inconsistent reaction.

4. I recommend review of IFD relationship to the SAC U-2 operation. I recommend review of internal staffing procedures governing such subjects.



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IFD-20/T

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